



November 1, 2025

They did it again. For the second consecutive season, our cross-town “rivals” won the World Series following 103 regular season wins and a compelling seven-game series with AL’s top-seed, the Red Sox. Turns out, that **Juan Soto** guy was a decent free agent signing. When **David Bednar** is your 8th inning guy (acquired during the offseason from the Pirates), you know you’re a hell of a team. Anyway, fuck ‘em. Onto 2026.

Your 2025 Angels (75-87) were not a good team, but unlike their 2024 predecessors, they were at least watchable, thanks to explosive breakout seasons from **Nolan Schanuel**, **Logan O’Hoppe**, and **Zach Neto**, along with a (miraculous!) full season of health from **Mike Trout**. This quartet was as strong as any in the American League, but the remainder of the lineup was predictably sub-par and the pitching staff was just as woeful as we feared.

We made one trade at the Deadline, and it involved a rather significant asset. More on that momentarily. The full-season team ranks:

LOS ANGELES ANGELS RECORD		TEAM BATTING STATS & RANKINGS		TEAM PITCHING AND DEFENSE STATS & RANKINGS	
Overall record	75-87, .462 PCT, 13 GB	Batting Average	.248 - 9th in AL	Earned Run Average	5.18 - 15th in AL
Position in Division	5th place	On-Base Percentage	.327 - 5th in AL	Starters' ERA	5.32 - 15th in AL
Position in Wildcard	13th place	Slugging Percentage	.422 - 7th in AL	Bullpen ERA	4.98 - 15th in AL
Pythag. record	73-89, .450 PCT	On-Base + Slugging	.749 - 5th in AL	Runs allowed	868 - 15th in AL
At home	39-42, .481 PCT	WAR	20.7 - 7th in AL	WAR	9.3 - 15th in AL
On the road	36-45, .444 PCT	wOBA	.321 - 5th in AL	Hits allowed	1513 - 14th in AL
Extra-inning games	5-4, .555 PCT	Runs Scored	774 - 6th in AL	Opponents AVG	.271 - 14th in AL
One-run games	19-17, .527 PCT	Hits	1352 - 10th in AL	BABIP	.313 - 14th in AL
Versus left-handed SP	19-21, .475 PCT	Extra-Base Hits	499 - 7th in AL	Home Runs allowed	234 - 11th in AL
Versus right-handed SP	56-66, .459 PCT	Home Runs	210 - 7th in AL	Bases On Balls	622 - 14th in AL
Last 10 games	4-6, .400 PCT	Bases On Balls	593 - 2nd in AL	Strikeouts	1308 - 13th in AL
In March	2-2, .500 PCT	Strikeouts	1447 - tied for 9th in AL	Defensive Efficiency	.675 - 14th in AL
In April	11-16, .407 PCT	Stolen Bases	140 - 4th in AL	Zone Rating	-0.1 - 9th in AL
In May	14-14, .500 PCT	Base Running	-4.8 - 9th in AL		
In June	12-15, .444 PCT				
In July	10-14, .416 PCT				
In August	13-13, .500 PCT				
In September	13-13, .500 PCT				

- Hello, **Nolan Schanuel**. What an incredible age-23 season. We knew he made significant power gains during the offseason, but nothing quite like this (.302/.391/.577, 154 wRC+, 43 HR). He was perhaps the best player in the AL in the second half of the season, posting a wRC+ of 161, 183, and 206 in the final three months. Like Neto and O’Hoppe, we now need to start thinking about how and when we wish to open extension negotiations. Of note, he very much benefitted from the exceptionally friendly-for-lefties dimensions of Angel Stadium, hitting 26 of his 43 homers in Anaheim. Other than Yankee Stadium, Angel Stadium rates as the most lefty-friendly HR park in MLB. Unlike O’Hoppe, Schanuel won’t hit arbitration until next offseason, giving us time to space out these offers.
- Seven of the top eight in WAR are 25 or younger. We have our core in place. The next step is identifying the optimal role players. One of those is **Grant McCray**, whom we acquired from the Giants at the 2024 Deadline for Carlos Estevez. We’re going to work hard this offseason at trying to get him to some additional in-game power, which would give him a feasible shot at a 20/20 season with stellar defense in center field.
- Speaking of 20/20, **Dylan Beavers** was well on his way to the milestone in his rookie season until he busted his knee cap on a collision in the outfield in early August. He’s tracking towards being ready for Spring Training and should reprise his role hitting 5th or 6th in the lineup.
- One of the few perks of being a bad team is flexibility to take chances on players in Rule 5. **Pablo Aliendo** is a true talent .225 hitter and benefitted tremendously from a .407 BABIP, but do we care? Not really. He’s here to be a stud defensively. Among ~50 catchers with at least 250 chances, he finished top ten in zone rating and defensive efficiency and allows us to periodically DH O’Hoppe, whose defense remains a very weak point.

POS	Name	TM	Age	PA	HR	RBI	R	BB%	S0%	AVG	OBP	SLG	ISO	OPS	BABIP	wRC+	WAR	SB	CS
1B	Nolan Schanuel	LAA	23	698	43	110	109	12.6	14.9	.302	.391	.577	.275	.968	.301	154	5.8	0	0
CF	Mike Trout	LAA	34	670	34	106	98	11.9	24.3	.264	.360	.491	.226	.850	.309	130	4.8	14	2
C	Logan O’Hoppe	LAA	25	571	36	88	82	13.1	25.4	.251	.356	.516	.265	.872	.278	132	4.1	0	1
SS	Zach Neto	LAA	24	584	22	69	84	8.4	22.9	.259	.332	.455	.196	.787	.302	112	2.8	20	1
CF	Grant McCray	LAA	24	410	13	42	49	7.8	27.3	.237	.310	.390	.153	.699	.302	87	2.1	16	5
C	Pablo Aliendo	LAA	24	243	4	33	31	8.2	29.2	.288	.366	.425	.137	.791	.407	115	1.9	1	1
LF	Dylan Beavers	LAA	24	423	16	61	46	9.5	22.7	.249	.324	.450	.201	.774	.288	105	1.1	13	3
3B	Werner Blakely	LAA	23	278	2	19	34	13.3	39.9	.218	.331	.329	.111	.660	.395	85	1.0	16	2
LF	Andrew McCutchen	LAA	39	306	9	32	45	15.7	28.1	.263	.382	.435	.173	.818	.360	125	0.8	5	2
CF	Jordyn Adams	SL	26	122	0	8	12	7.4	34.4	.252	.311	.315	.063	.627	.400	72	0.1	6	1
1B	Cole Fontenelle	SL	23	15	0	2	3	0.0	26.7	.214	.200	.357	.143	.557	.273	32	-0.1	0	0
RF	Mickey Moniak	LAA	27	276	5	28	27	6.2	26.1	.230	.279	.352	.121	.631	.298	65	-0.1	7	1
1B	Charles Leblanc	SL	29	22	0	1	1	0.0	31.8	.182	.182	.182	.000	.364	.267	-9	-0.2	1	0
SS	AroI Vera	SL	23	30	0	0	3	6.7	33.3	.214	.267	.214	.000	.481	.333	33	-0.2	0	0
LF	Jo Adell	LAA	26	148	7	19	18	8.1	31.1	.201	.270	.396	.194	.666	.244	77	-0.3	0	1
2B	Miles Mastrobuoni	LAA	30	334	4	30	38	6.9	23.1	.212	.266	.338	.125	.604	.270	60	-0.4	17	5
SS	Miguel Rojas	LAA	36	286	1	24	28	5.2	9.4	.227	.276	.303	.076	.579	.247	55	-0.7	8	1
3B	Luis Rengifo	LAA	28	606	15	68	65	6.3	18.3	.225	.279	.355	.130	.634	.254	65	-1.7	15	7


The Robert Stephenson Trade

With nothing to offer other than a host of underperforming pitchers available leading up to the Deadline, I didn’t expect to do much – if any – selling. **Robert Stephenson** was a dubious Perry Minasian free agent signing following the 2023 season, when Perry handed an injury-prone 31-year-old reliever a 3-year, \$33M contract on a team clearly heading into a prolonged rebuild. Perry gonna Perry. Anyway, Stephenson missed all of 2024 and the first month of 2025, but settled into the closer’s role and nailed down 15-of-18 opportunities for us. In theory, a team bereft of big league-quality bullpen assets need not sell its best bullpen arm, and I wasn’t expecting to receive any worthwhile offers...until Toronto came calling.

The Jays sold *hard* at the 2024 Deadline, jettisoning all of their rental players in hopes of re-tooling for 2025 with the prospects acquired in Deadline trades. They gave Vlad. Jr. his long-awaited extension but did not do so with Bo Bichette. Some of their 2024 Deadline acquisitions popped off early in the 2025 season and the Jays were 20 games over .500 on Deadline day but in need of another high-leverage bullpen arm. With the clock ticking, they offered 22-year-old Cuban right-hander **Kendry Rojas**, a borderline top 100 prospect. The Jays signed Rojas out of Cuba in 2020 and he steadily rose through the system, pitching quite well at High A Vancouver in the first few months of 2025. Additionally, Toronto didn’t ask for us to pay down a single dollar of the \$16M remaining on Stephenson’s deal (\$5M in 2025 and \$11M in 2026). Frankly, after being non-commital on dealing Stephenson, I thought this offer was a

no-brainer. We immediately promoted Rojas to AA Rocket City, where he pitched beautifully over 10 starts (3.43 ERA, 3.25 FIP, 27.8% K, 8.8% BB) and is likely to join the big league rotation at some point in 2026. Like **Caden Dana** (who debuted in the bigs on September 1), he’s going to skip Salt Lake and go directly to the Majors.

Stephenson was brilliant down the stretch for Toronto, saving 15-of-17 games and helping the Jays to a wild card berth and eventual 2-1 series loss against the Orioles. He’ll open 2026 as their closer.



KENDRY ROJAS | #34

SP | Rocket City Trash Pandas - Southern League (AA) | Throws: Left | Age 22 | 6' 2" - 190 lbs

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ACTIONS...

PERSONAL DETAILS

Age22 years, 342 days

Date of BirthNovember 26th , 2002

City of BirthCiego de Avila, CIE

NationalityCuban

PositionPitcher (Starter)

Bats / ThrowsLeft / Left

TeamRocket City Trash Pandas (SL, LAA)

SalaryMinor League Contract

Prospect Ranking#99

AcquiredTrade with TOR (07/31/2025)

MoraleGood

ExpectationNo expectation

Major ServiceNone

Basic Pitching Ratings

Stuff45 / 50

Movement55 / 55

HRA55 / 60

PBABIP55 / 55

Control50 / 55

Fastball45 / 45

Slider45 / 50

Changeup70 / 70

SUMMARY

Overall40

Potential50

Scouting AccuracyVery High

OTHER PITCHING RATINGS

GB/FB TendencyFlyball Pitcher

Velocity91-93 Mph

Arm SlotNormal (3/4)

Pitcher TypeNormal

Projected Role inMLB (MLB)

CurrentStarter

Stamina50

Hold Runners55

POSITION RATINGS

Pitcher55 / 60

BATTING RATINGS

Contact25 / 25


Power30 / 30

Eye20 / 20

Sacrifice Bunt45

PERSONALITY

Wants fair compensation for his efforts.



ROBERT STEPHENSON | #6

CL | Toronto Blue Jays | "Bob" | Throws: Right | Age 32 | 6' 3" - 200 lbs | Salary: \$11,000,000

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ACTIONS...

PERSONAL DETAILS

Age32 years, 252 days

Date of BirthFebruary 24th , 1993

City of BirthMartinez, CA

NationalityAmerican

PositionPitcher (Closer)

Bats / ThrowsRight / Right

TeamToronto Blue Jays (MLB)

Salary\$11,000,000

Signed through2026 (free agent)

SchoolAlhambra

AcquiredTrade with LAA (07/31/2025)

MoraleGood

ExpectationCloser

Major Service7 Years, 132 Days

Basic Pitching Ratings

Movement75 / 75

HRA50 / 50

PBABIP55 / 55

Control55 / 55

Fastball75 / 75

Slider80 / 80

Curveball60 / 60

Changeup45 / 45

SUMMARY

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Scouting AccuracyVery High

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Velocity96-98 Mph

Arm SlotNormal (3/4)

Pitcher TypePower Pitcher

Projected Role inMLB (MLB)

CurrentStrictly Bullpen

Stamina25

Hold Runners60

POSITION RATINGS

Pitcher55

BATTING RATINGS

Contact35 / 35

Power20 / 20

Eye35 / 35

Sacrifice Bunt50

PERSONALITY

A regular Joe.
High: Loyalty, Adaptability
Low: Financial Ambition

Pitching – The Damage

- Only four of our pitchers finished with FIPs under 4.00: **Roansy Contreras**, **Ben Joyce**, **Anthony Bender**, and 27-year-old rookie **Jack Dashwood**
- ❖ **Anthony Bender’s** home run rate spiked upon arrival from Miami (0.5 to 1.7 per 9). The conditions at our ballpark are absolute hell for any flyball pitcher. Bender’s 55% ground-ball rate should enable him to re-stabilize the home run rate next season.
 - ❖ Still just 25, **Roansy Contreras** has developed into a completely “fine” multi-inning bullpen arm. This was easily the best season of his career thus far, though I have a feeling we’re going to disagree with him considerably on his value as he heads into his first round of arbitration.
 - ❖ **Ben Joyce** had the lowest home run rate allowed on the team (0.3 HR/9) and is great at staying off of the barrel, but his control remains erratic (13.1% BB rate). He’s not what the organization hoped he would be when they drafted him in the third round in 2022, but there’s still hope for a reliable, middle-relief type of pitcher here who can occasionally throw higher-leverage innings.
 - ❖ **Jack Dashwood** is an organizational favorite who has slowly climbed the ladder as a longshot 12th round pick from the 2019 Draft from UCSB. He’s one of very few left-handed pitchers in the upper levels of the org and uses his impeccable, 65-grade control to offset some very fringy stuff. He also pitched to a 3.16 ERA (3.46 FIP) in 42 innings at Salt Lake, which is awfully impressive in that particular run environment.

POS	Name	ORG	Age	T	G	GS	W	L	SV	IP*	ERA	FIP	WHIP	HR	BABIP	HR/9	K%	BB%	K%-BB%	LOB%	GO%	SB	CS	WAR
RP	Ben Joyce	LAA	25	R	44	1	0	2	4	54.2	2.80	3.75	1.41	2	.291	0.3	22.1	13.3	8.7	79.3	0.46	6	0	0.6
RP	Roansy Contreras	LAA	25	R	45	1	1	2	0	66.2	3.37	3.41	1.24	6	.301	0.8	23.4	7.9	15.5	77.0	0.42	9	2	1.1
RP	Luis Guerrero	LAA	25	R	11	0	0	0	2	17.2	3.57	4.76	1.64	2	.322	1.0	14.8	9.9	4.9	76.3	0.44	4	0	-0.0
RP	Anthony Bender	LAA	30	R	53	0	3	2	6	71.1	3.66	3.94	1.32	7	.292	0.9	21.4	9.1	12.3	73.7	0.53	5	0	0.7
RP	Jack Dashwood	LAA	27	L	12	3	1	0	1	19.2	4.12	3.95	1.22	2	.321	0.9	21.5	6.3	15.2	69.0	0.47	0	0	0.3
SP	Zach Eflin	LAA	31	R	25	25	10	10	0	145.2	4.26	4.99	1.27	30	.294	1.9	21.7	5.7	16.0	78.5	0.52	8	1	1.0
RP	Hans Crouse	LAA	27	R	52	3	3	4	5	75.1	4.54	4.49	1.35	11	.297	1.3	24.1	9.5	14.6	74.2	0.43	4	1	0.3
SP	Tyler Anderson	LAA	35	L	33	33	13	10	0	188.1	4.68	4.89	1.49	27	.308	1.3	15.5	7.9	7.6	72.1	0.46	20	3	1.5
RP	Jose Hernandez	LAA	27	L	51	4	6	5	8	59.2	4.98	5.07	1.56	11	.315	1.7	26.3	13.0	13.3	74.1	0.49	2	2	-0.2
RP	Chase Silseth	LAA	25	R	50	0	1	1	1	79.2	5.08	4.43	1.41	10	.301	1.1	20.7	9.5	11.2	69.6	0.54	8	1	0.2
SP	Reid Detmers	LAA	26	L	31	31	6	14	0	163.1	5.18	5.26	1.48	32	.325	1.8	23.4	9.8	13.6	74.9	0.49	7	8	0.6
SP	Patrick Sandoval	LAA	29	L	12	12	4	5	0	67.0	5.24	4.60	1.45	8	.304	1.1	19.4	10.8	8.7	68.0	0.51	7	2	0.7
SP	Dane Dunning	LAA	30	R	31	31	12	10	0	168.1	5.24	4.73	1.43	27	.316	1.4	21.9	8.7	13.2	69.0	0.54	18	3	1.6
SP	Griffin Canning	LAA	29	R	39	3	5	4	1	104.1	6.64	5.88	1.72	24	.338	2.1	19.7	9.9	9.9	67.8	0.45	10	1	-1.2
CL	Angel Felipe	LAA	28	R	38	0	4	6	1	44.2	6.65	5.82	1.86	8	.331	1.6	19.6	15.0	4.7	63.2	0.56	4	1	-0.7
SP	Caden Dana	LAA	21	R	5	5	2	2	0	25.2	7.36	5.28	1.91	2	.347	0.7	20.2	17.7	2.4	63.0	0.43	3	0	0.1
SP	José Soriano	LAA	27	R	15	9	4	4	0	61.1	8.36	7.37	2.02	15	.340	2.2	16.2	14.9	1.3	66.1	0.51	4	2	-1.2
RP	Sam Bachman	LAA	26	R	7	1	0	1	0	14.0	10.93	6.86	2.00	3	.356	1.9	15.7	12.9	2.9	50.4	0.57	0	0	-0.3
SP	Kenny Rosenberg	LAA	30	L	12	0	0	2	3	8.2	13.50	11.02	2.54	4	.348	4.2	23.1	19.2	3.8	61.9	0.29	0	0	-0.6

The Offseason Plans

Recent MLB history is replete with teams who “did things the right way” at the outset of a rebuild, but failed to take the next step in shoving their improved rosters into the competitive window. We have the core in place. There are enough “interesting” role players in the upper levels of the system to envision this team contending in 2026. Pitching remains a massive shortcoming and the ballpark isn’t doing us any favors, especially with some many fly-ball pitchers still inhabiting the upper levels and the big league roster. The scouting department – led by **Deron Johnson** – has been steadily signing high-ceiling players into the development complex. We have 11 prospects rated inside the OSA top 200 (we only had three in the summer of 2024). A lot of good stuff is happening – but how do we move the ball forward?

The division is wide-open. The Mariners won the AL West last year at 88-74 but with an underwhelming +18 run differential. The Rangers (84-78) finished second with a +14 run differential. The Astros predictably took a step back (77-85, -25 RD) and might be temporarily out of their incredibly-long competitive window. This isn’t the AL East, where the top three won a minimum of 93 games with at least a +120 run differential. We can compete now.

After declining **Evan White’s** team option (again, Perry, why?), we have approximately \$39 million available in the budget this offseason.



SALARY ARBITRATION

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SP Reid Detmers#	26	4 Ys, 43 Days	6-14, 5.18 ERA, 163.1 IP, 1.48 WHIP, 9.2 K/9, 0.6 WAR	\$2,480,000	\$4,000,000	<input type="text" value="\$3,900,000"/>	<button>Change</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
SP Dane Dunning#	30	5 Ys, 59 Days	12-10, 5.24 ERA, 168.1 IP, 1.43 WHIP, 8.6 K/9, 1.6 WAR	\$1,300,000	\$3,000,000	<input type="text" value="\$2,700,000"/>	<button>Change</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
SP Patrick Sandoval#	29	5 Ys, 149 Days	4-5, 5.24 ERA, 67.0 IP, 1.45 WHIP, 7.5 K/9, 0.7 WAR	\$7,595,000	\$8,500,000	<input type="text" value="\$8,600,000"/>	<button>Change</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
SP José Soriano#	27	3 Ys, 47 Days	4-4, 8.36 ERA, 61.1 IP, 2.02 WHIP, 7.2 K/9, -1.2 WAR	\$740,000	\$1,300,000	<input type="text" value="\$1,250,000"/>	<button>Change</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
RP Anthony Bender#	30	4 Ys, 153 Days	3-2, 3.66 ERA, 71.1 IP, 1.32 WHIP, 8.3 K/9, 0.7 WAR	\$1,440,000	\$2,200,000	<input type="text" value="\$2,100,000"/>	<button>Change</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
RP Roansy Contreras#	25	3 Ys, 17 Days	1-2, 3.37 ERA, 66.2 IP, 1.24 WHIP, 8.8 K/9, 1.1 WAR	\$740,000	\$2,200,000	<input type="text" value="\$2,100,000"/>	<button>Change</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
C Logan O'Hoppe	25	3 Ys, 8 Days	.251/.356/.516, 486 AB, 36 HR, 132 wRC+, 4.1 WAR	\$740,000	\$7,085,000	<input type="text" value="\$7,200,000"/>	<button>Change</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
1B Evan White	29	2 Ys, 144 Days	.275/.353/.637, 102 AB, 11 HR, 1 SB, 136 wRC+, 0.6 WAR (PCL)	\$8,000,000	\$9,022,500	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<button>Submit</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
SS Zach Neto#	24	2 Ys, 170 Days	.259/.332/.455, 514 AB, 22 HR, 20 SB, 112 wRC+, 2.8 WAR	\$740,000	\$2,400,000	<input type="text" value="\$2,200,000"/>	<button>Change</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
LF Jo Adell	26	3 Ys, 138 Days	.201/.270/.396, 134 AB, 7 HR, 77 wRC+, -0.3 WAR	\$1,500,000	\$2,200,000	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<button>Submit</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
RF Mickey Moniak#	27	3 Ys, 136 Days	.230/.279/.352, 256 AB, 5 HR, 7 SB, 65 wRC+, -0.1 WAR	\$970,000	\$1,700,000	<input type="text" value="\$1,650,000"/>	<button>Change</button>	<button>Withdraw</button>	
The players above are eligible for salary arbitration. Hearings are held on Sun. Nov. 23rd, 2025; you must submit or withdraw your offers before then. The values set by default reflect the estimated value and have been submitted already, so you might want to offer lower amounts! Players who are not offered a contract will become free agents.									
Players with a * are 'Super 2' arbitration cases. They became eligible for arbitration because they were in the top 22% of service time among players with at least 2 years of service time. The cutoff this year is 139 days.									
Players with a # are currently thinking about your most recent offer.									
PENDING FREE AGENTS									
Player	Age	FA Type	Stats	Current Salary					
SP Tyler Anderson	35	Comp.	13-10, 4.68 ERA, 188.1 IP, 1.49 WHIP, 6.2 K/9, 1.5 WAR	\$13,000,000		<input type="checkbox"/> Submit \$18,900,000 Qualifying Offer			
SP Griffin Canning	29	Comp.	0-1, 5.79 ERA, 9.1 IP, 1.71 WHIP, 5.8 K/9, 0.3 WAR (PCL)	\$3,500,000		<input type="checkbox"/> Submit \$18,900,000 Qualifying Offer			
SP Zach Eflin	31	Comp.	10-10, 4.26 ERA, 145.2 IP, 1.27 WHIP, 8.2 K/9, 1.0 WAR	\$18,000,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submit \$18,900,000 Qualifying Offer			
SS Miguel Rojas	36	Comp.	.227/.276/.303, 264 AB, 1 HR, 8 SB, 55 wRC+, -0.7 WAR	\$3,000,000		<input type="checkbox"/> Submit \$18,900,000 Qualifying Offer			
The players above are eligible for free agency and may fit the requirements for potential draft pick compensation. In order to qualify for draft pick compensation for lost free agents, you must offer a player eligible for compensation arbitration (which equals a 1-year contract of \$18,900,000). A player is only eligible for compensation if he spent the entire season on the team's roster. If the player does not accept this contract, he will become a free agent and you will receive a compensatory draft pick if he signs with another team.									
Players with a # are currently thinking about your most recent offer.									
PENDING FREE AGENTS WITHOUT COMPENSATION									
Player	Age	FA Type	Stats	Current Salary					
LF Andrew McCutchen	39	None	.263/.382/.435, 255 AB, 9 HR, 5 SB, 125 wRC+, 1.2 WAR	\$740,000					

Other Miscellaneous Notes

- Patrick Sandoval** missed the first half of the season working his way back from TJ surgery but returned from his rehab assignment in mid-July and remained healthy the rest of the year. He’s our toughest “call” of this year’s arb crop. Entering his final arbitration season, he’s going to cost somewhere between \$8M and \$9M. Is a 4.60-ish ERA true talent pitcher worth it? In a vacuum, perhaps not, but considering how little depth we have behind him, we’ll likely bite the bullet and hope he re-establishes himself as a viable MLB-caliber starter.
- Two other pitchers previously on the 40-man missed most of the 2025 season with elbow tears but opted for less invasive procedures that will allow them to return in time for Spring: **Jack Kochanowicz** and **Victor Mederos**. Kochanowicz was the team’s third round pick in 2019 out of a suburban Philly high school but lacks MLB-caliber stuff. He’s huge (6’7, 225), a good athlete, and a strike thrower, which, asssuming he returns to full health, gives him viability as a 6th/7th starter type who floats between Salt Lake and Anaheim. Mederos, drafted out of Oklahoma State in the 6th round in 2022, was a fast mover until being shut down by elbow issues last May. He doesn’t throw strikes as consistently as Kochanowicz and is more likely to end up in a long-term relief role.
- As has been the case since we acquired him from Tampa in January, we fully expect **Zach Eflin** to decline our qualifying offer. He approached us several times during the season regarding an extension, but signing older pitchers to lucrative, long-term deals is not something I envision us doing in this new era of Angels baseball.
- With great sadness, and after nearly a decade, I regrettably announce that the **Jo Adell** era in Anaheim is Jo-ver. We tried everything. *Everything*. Swing changes. Extensive plate discipline work. Quality of contact work. It’s simply not going to happen. It’s uncommon to give up on 26-year-olds with prolific track records of mashing AAA pitching, but like so many Angels, the prior regime started his clock too soon and he’s already accrued 4 ½ years of major league service time and would cost at least \$2 million to bring back for 2026. That number isn’t justifiable for an out-of-options, right-handed hitting outfielder whose only value is hitting left-handed pitching. When we recalled him late in the season for a risk-free, low-pressure role with near-everyday at-bats, he still only hit .201/.270/.396 (77 wRC+) with a 31.1% K rate in 148 PAs. If he was capable of playing center field, this would be a different conversation...but he can’t. He’s strictly a corner guy. Pour one out.
- A brief snapshot of our acquisitions and departures since taking over. Of course, this doesn’t include drafted players or amateur signees, nor does it include minor adds like **Luis Guerrero** (Matt Moore deal with Boston) or **Jose Hernandez** (second round Rule 5 pick).

BEST ACQUISITIONS					
Player	Date Acquired	Transaction	WAR +	Career Stats	Status
Grant McCray	07/31/2024	Trade	2.1	.237/.310/.390, 87 H, 13 HR, 49 R, 42 RBI	MLB
Pablo Aliendo	12/13/2024	Rule 5 pick	1.9	.288/.366/.425, 61 H, 4 HR, 31 R, 33 RBI	MLB
Dane Dunning	01/26/2025	Minor FA signing	1.6	39-42, 4.47 ERA, 711 IP, 1.36 WHIP, 659 K	MLB
Andrew McCutcher	06/07/2025	Minor FA signing	1.4	.272/.367/.458, 2215 H, 324 HR, 1286 R, 1117 RBI	FA
Dylan Beavers	01/02/2025	Trade	1.1	.249/.324/.450, 93 H, 16 HR, 46 R, 61 RBI	MLB
Zach Eflin	02/12/2025	Trade	1.0	74-76, 4.28 ERA, 1182 IP, 1.23 WHIP, 1037 K	MLB
Ryan Brasier	08/26/2024	Minor FA signing	0.0	10 SV, 3.82 ERA, 275 IP, 1.15 WHIP, 274 K	Retired
GREATEST LOSSES					
Player	Date Lost	Transaction	WAR -	Career Stats	Status
Taylor Ward	01/02/2025	Trade	0.6	.252/.329/.429, 599 H, 95 HR, 332 R, 325 RBI	MLB
Carlos Estevez	07/31/2024	Trade	0.6	115 SV, 4.04 ERA, 470 IP, 1.34 WHIP, 501 K	MLB
Robert Stephenson	07/31/2025	Trade	0.5	34 SV, 4.53 ERA, 417 IP, 1.32 WHIP, 471 K	MLB
Kyren Paris	07/31/2024	Trade	0.2	.163/.247/.250, 26 H, 3 HR, 18 R, 10 RBI	MLB
Luis Garcia	07/23/2024	Trade	0.1	27-28, 4.00 ERA, 560 IP, 1.40 WHIP, 531 K	MLB

Long-Term Contract Extensions

- There are three current extension candidates: **O’Hoppe**, **Neto**, and **Schanuel**. We’ve reached out to representatives for all three players to assess their current demands:
 - **Logan O’Hoppe** (3.080 service time); demand 6 years, \$156.9M (AAV \$26.1M)
 - **Zach Neto** (2.170 service time); demand ?
 - **Nolan Schanuel** (2.045 service time); demand 8 years, \$177.5M (AAV \$22.2M)
- I love O’Hoppe. He has an emerging case as the best-hitting catcher in baseball. But his current demand is a non-starter. We know he cares more than most about his salary (“high financial ambition”), but this number simply would not be worth it to us in light of his defensive limitations. He’s coming off of an incredible season and might not be able to match his 2025 output, which would give us some leverage if we roll the dice and wait to negotiate with him until after next season. As meaningful comps, the Brewers extended William Contreras for eight years at \$200M, albeit with an opt-out after the third year. Will Smith is signed through 2030 at approximately \$30M AAV. Contreras and Smith are much more adept defensively. O’Hoppe is under control for three more seasons and I can’t foresee us offering him anything in the range of his current demand.
- Schanuel’s numbers are easier to stomach, though I hesitate to commit such princely sums to a player who doesn’t play a premium defensive position. With that said, his elite plate discipline gives him a yearly floor that isn’t reliant upon repeating 2025’s monstrous power numbers. He should age gracefully into his late twenties and early thirties.

Prospect Ranks – Organizational Top 25

#	POS	PLAYER	ORGANIZATION	AGE	POTENTIAL	CON/STU	POW/MOV	EYE/CON	CURRENT TEAM	LEVEL	ETA
1 (18)	SS	Wehiwa Aloy [+]	Los Angeles Angels	21	60	55	60	55	Inland Empire 66ers	A	2028
2 (36)	RHP	Caden Dana [+]	Los Angeles Angels	21	50	55	55	45	Los Angeles Angels	MLB	2025
3 (70)	RF	Braden Montgomery [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	50	45	60	55	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
4 (99)	LHP	Kendry Rojas [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	50	50	55	55	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2026
5 (103)	CF	Nelson Rada [+]	Los Angeles Angels	20	50	55	40	60	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
6 (105)	RHP	Drew Beam [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	45	50	50	65	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
7 (145)	RHP	Chris Levonas [+]	Los Angeles Angels	19	60	70	50	55	Inland Empire 66ers	A	2028
8 (168)	RHP	Ryan Costeiu [+]	Los Angeles Angels	24	45	50	50	50	Salt Lake Bees	AAA	2025
9 (177)	RHP	Myles Upchurch [+]	Los Angeles Angels	18	55	65	50	55	Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels	R	2028
10 (187)	RF	Jorge Ruiz [+]	Los Angeles Angels	21	45	60	40	50	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2026
11 (197)	SS	Felix Morrobel [+]	Los Angeles Angels	20	50	60	40	55	Inland Empire 66ers	A	2028
12 (243)	LHP	Adilmar Limpo [+]	Los Angeles Angels	16	80	80	50	60	Los Angeles Angels	IntC	2027
13 (269)	2B	Adrian Placencia [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	45	50	45	65	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2026
14 (311)	SS	Denzer Guzman [+]	Los Angeles Angels	21	45	50	50	50	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
15 (337)	RHP	Raymundo Benrs [+]	Los Angeles Angels	16	55	60	50	55	Los Angeles Angels	IntC	2027
16 (352)	RHP	Barrett Kent [+]	Los Angeles Angels	21	45	55	55	50	Tri-City Dust Devils	A+	2027
17 (371)	LHP	Dominic Fritton [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	45	55	55	45	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
18 (373)	LHP	Juan Acabado [+]	Los Angeles Angels	17	45	60	50	50	Los Angeles (DSL) Angels	R	2028
19 (382)	C	Jayden Melendez [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	45	45	60	55	Tri-City Dust Devils	A+	2027
20 (384)	3B	Emilio Sanchez [+]	Los Angeles Angels	18	50	60	50	55	Los Angeles (DSL) Angels	R	2028
21 (417)	C	Juan Flores [+]	Los Angeles Angels	19	45	50	50	55	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
22 (469)	SS	Josh Gibbs [+]	Los Angeles Angels	18	55	55	60	50	Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels	R	2028
23	RHP	Aiden Barrientes [+]	Los Angeles Angels	18	50	60	50	55	Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels	R	2028
24	CF	Kellon Lindsey [+]	Los Angeles Angels	20	50	55	45	55	Inland Empire 66ers	A	2028
25	RHP	Luis Guerrero [+]	Los Angeles Angels	25	45	60	55	45	Los Angeles Angels	MLB	2025